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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 05 January 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

1). It is noted that Applicant's amendment is to cancel claim 36. However, claim 36 was already canceled by examiner's amendment which was authorized by Applicant's representative, Mr. Carl I. Brundidge (Reg. #29,621) on December 09, 2005. Therefore, such amendment is disapproved and not entered.

2). In response to Applicant's remarks set forth in page 16 with regard the Terminal Disclaimer filed on November 28, 2005, the examiner would like to direct Applicant to MPEP 1490, section VII., parts A-B so Applicant can take a proper action with regard to the withdrawal of Terminal Disclaimer.

3). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew C. Bella can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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